



The Messenger

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New Year's Resolutions -

We are in that season now of considering New Year's resolutions. I am always intrigued by these declarations of good intention. Recently, I did a little digging and found out that approximately 74% of American adults typically make New Year's resolutions. The most popular area for resolutions is in regard to personal health. Nearly 44% of men and 48% of women will make a resolution related to their health – exercise more, eat better, lose weight, etc.

Personally, I have had a rather complicated relationship with health throughout my life, especially when it comes to food. You see, I really enjoy eating, but not really any of the stuff that is good for me. One of the things I know would make a major difference in my overall health is increasing the amount of fruit I consume. (This actually wouldn't be difficult, as the bar is pretty low at this point.) As I was thinking about this and considering strategies for doing so (it's probably not going to happen), I got to thinking about different types of fruit I would like to see growing.

In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul writes: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23a). The idea of the Fruit of the Spirit is that there should be a clear, obvious result in our lives that comes from living our faith. In Matthew 7:20, Jesus tells his disciples that they can discern between true and false prophets by their fruit.

What if in 2022, instead of resolving to eat more fruit, we resolved to *bear* more fruit? What might it look like if we consciously tried to exude more of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives? Lives that are full of love, of joy, of peace, of patience (this is a big one for me), of kindness, of goodness, of faithfulness, of gentleness, and of self-control. As we get ready to greet the New Year, I would encourage you to ask yourself these questions:

- What changes would you need to make to be more loving (and yes, you can choose to be more loving!)?
- How might you intentionally be more joyous, seeking to find joy in the everyday, ordinary parts of your life?
- How can you work to facilitate peace: in a relationship, within yourself, in your community, in the world?
- Who is someone you need God's help to be more patient with?
- What tangible acts of kindness and goodness can you commit to engaging in on a regular basis?
- What steps can you take to grow and deepen your faith-walk?
- How will you show gentleness?
- What areas of your life would benefit from self-control: words, actions, thoughts, etc.

Growing in these areas might be even more important than losing that 10 pounds I committed to in 2021 (only 15 to go).

So, as we make our way through the final days of 2021, I invite you to consider how you might go about adding fruit – the Fruit of the Spirit – to your life.

It is an honor to be your pastor and to be in ministry alongside you to an amazing God!

Blessings, Chris

Administrative Board, 2022

When Pastor Chris asked Rob and I to write letters, it seemed like a very simple and logical request: one from the outgoing Administrative Board chair and one from the incoming. As I began to formulate what I should say, I think Rob definitely has the better deal!

I am a staunch believer that the word “promise” has a very defined meaning and one tied to a sense of intent and purpose. So, I tend not to use it unless I am 100% positive I can easily come through on the promise. I think if the last two years have taught us anything, it is that we truly are, absolutely, rarely in control.

Instead, I will offer this: I am here and available. The board is here and available. We are tasked and charged with care, maintenance, and growth of our church. Rob shared about the incredible feats accomplished by the Methodist church, the Conference, and by Nelson Memorial, and they are hefty and impressive. (I have big shoes to fill!)

There is so much to do and honestly, very little time. A year sounds like a reasonable and wholly manageable amount of time to accomplish and conquer almost anything a group would set its mind to do. However, when we subtract events, Sundays, vacations, retreats, camps, practices, unforeseen issues, and let’s not forget our daily lives, the time is actually quite short. The men and women on your board are dedicated individuals who love this church, who are raising their families in this church, and making lifelong relationships in this church. One of the relationships is the board itself. Your board is very committed to the success of our church. Please consider it a challenge to help your board succeed in the same manner.

We will be working on the facility as always. Even though the church is a people, and not a building, we do have a wonderful building, rich in history and full of potential. We will be branching out to reach those who have not yet found our church or The Word and embrace of our Loving God. We will be strengthening our position in the Boonville community, and we will be working internally to provide new and exciting ways for our congregation to grow and express themselves; to support each other as we travel to the varied stops on our journey with Christ. We are rich in tradition, and we have seen that we can and will continue to be rich in innovation as well.

I am full of thanks for the Nelson Memorial family that has welcomed me so wonderfully. I am humbled to be charged with this amazing opportunity, and I know we will all work together in the spirit I have seen here to push the church forward.

Blessings to all this holiday season. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! May Christ bless us all.

Humbly,

Mike Krohn

2022 Administrative Board Chair

May you each have the gift of faith, the blessings of hope, and the peace of his love in 2022 and always!



Juanita Scott Memorial Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship is to provide one \$500.00 scholarship per year for a high school senior, with preference being given for Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church members and/or those who are actively involved with the church. Boonville High School seniors will be provided an application as part of their Guidance Office "Local Scholarship Information". For other than Boonville High School students, high school seniors may contact our church office at 882-6223 to request an application. Per scholarship policy "All scholarship applications with accompanying transcripts shall be received by the committee by March 14, 2022, during office hours.

Charles Edgar Whitten Memorial Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship is to provide one \$500.00 scholarship per year for 3rd and 4th year college applicants, with preference given to Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church members and/or those who are actively involved in the church where they attend a university or college. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, lab fees, or living expenses, as needed to help the scholarship winner continue their studies. To request an application please contact the church office at 882-6223. All scholarship applications must be received by our committee by April 11, 2022, during office hours.

Thank You

Due to the faithful and generous giving of our members, we were able to pay our district and conference apportionments for 2021! These funds enable our ministry within the MidState District, our connected ministries throughout Missouri, and our missionaries and ministries around the world!



Financial Peace University

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to be healthier with your finances, we have a program to help you. Beginning Sunday, January 9, we will be offering an opportunity to learn from Dave Ramsey his lessons on financial stewardship. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week program with practical, Biblically-based lessons on financial management. FPU classes will begin with an included lunch and run from Noon till 2:00 pm each week from Jan 9 – March 6. For more information or to register for FPU, you can go to <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/classes/1143121> or speak with Sam or Katy Giroux.

Blood Drive

With flu season beginning and COVID hanging around, blood and platelet donations continue to be essential to hospital patients.



Donors are needed to come together to help others in this time of need. We will be hosting another blood drive the afternoon/evening of Monday, January 24th in our Fellowship Hall. To schedule a time for donating blood go to: redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Thank you!

Angel Tree

Thank you all so much for your generous donation of gifts for the Angel Tree Program. We served 15 families, and all gifts have been delivered. As always we are so grateful for the way in which our church family supports this Matthew 25 ministry to the children of incarcerated parents. Karma Haller and Debra Windsor



January 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 New Year's Eve Office will be closed	1 New Year's Day
2	3 9:00 am - TOPS 8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	4	5 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge 6:00 - Choir Practice	6	7 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	8 8:30 UM Men Meeting
9 Noon - 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Fellowship Hall	10 9:00 am - TOPS 5:30 pm - Education Meeting, Lounge 8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	11 6:30 NAMI Meeting	12 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	13 1:00 pm - Baby Grace Size and Sort 6:00 pm - Praise Band	14 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	15
16 Noon - 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Confirmation Kick-off, Sanctuary	17 ML King Jr. Day Office will be closed 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting Fellowship Hall	18 6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting, Lounge	19 10:15 am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	20 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Distribution	21 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	22
23 Noon - 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Fellowship Hall	24 9:15 am - TOPS 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall	25	26 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Lounge	27 6:00 pm Praise Band	28 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	29
30 Noon - 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Fellowship Hall	31 9:15 am - TOPS 8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall					

January Birthdays

1 Sarah Marriott
3 Marnie Rogers
4 Marcy Caldwell
5 Earl Mangels, Matt Maxwell ☺
7 Christina Koch
8 Geraldine Smith
9 Cooper McGruder, Xander McGruder
11 Gabrielle Schler, Jordan Schler, Phillis Otis
12 Race Leonard
13 Sandy Rohrbough
15 Mike Maxwell ☺



16 Barbara Rainey
17 Rob Gordon, Kayla Schmidt
20 Jack Bell, Addyson Reardon
22 Cash Leonard
23 Noah Rogers, Larry Schler, Gina Silvey
24 Cory Schmidt
25 Avery Reardon
26 Heather Beach, Steve Litwiller
30 Beth Giroux, Tonya Schnell,
Elizabeth Vanderhoof

Eyes and Ears Needed!

If you notice something around the church that need the attention of the Trustees (lights, fans, leaks, noises, etc.), please contact the church office immediately (leave a message on the answering machine if after hours). We want to keep our facilities safe, inviting, usable, and active!

Congregational Care Team

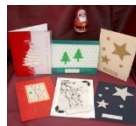
Part of this ministry's mission is to demonstrate Christ's love by visiting with individuals who are homebound or in skilled care facilities, assisted living facilities, or short-term physical rehabilitation situations. A friendly and caring visitation team member visits anyone with a family member or acquaintance who fits these criteria with a regular visit. Primary caregivers might also receive a welcome break to run errands or just rest and relax while someone else is visiting with their loved one, if arranged in advance. Contact Tim VonEngeln 314-883-0984, or any other member of the team, to set up a visit. The team includes David Bradley 660-537-1046, Margene Farquhar 660-621-2026, Earl Haller 660-888-9412, Evelyn Rogers 660-537-1724, Cheryl Salyer 660-537-2455.

Christmas Families



Thank you to everyone who helped us provide Christmas for some families in our community. Your generosity was a great blessing!

Christmas Cards for NMUMC Elders & Friends



Our church friends were so pleased with your cards of remembrance during this holiday season of love.

Thank you so much for participating in this special endeavor.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing



We would like to thank our church family who donated time on Saturday, December 11th to bell ring for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army Board would especially like to recognize the United Methodist Men who organized distribution of the buckets and took care of the kettle and money collected.

Baby Grace



The monthly distribution will be held Thursday, January 20th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. If you would like to help with the distribution, sorting and sizing, or other aspects of this program, please contact Cindy Koch.



May You Shine the Light of Christ in the New Year



Wishing You and Your Family a Happy New Year!!